

erate or be construed to diminish in any way the rights of any members of the Fire Department who are not participants in the presently existing general pension system of the City, their widows or dependents, to pensions, benefits or allowances provided for by laws or ordinances in force as of January 1, 1926.

Until amended by ordinance, the presently existing pension systems of the City shall remain in force.

(22) POLICE POWER.

To have and exercise within the limits of Baltimore City all the power commonly known as the Police Power to the same extent as the State has or could exercise said power within said limits; provided, however, that no ordinance of the City or act of any municipal officer shall conflict, impede, obstruct, hinder or interfere with the powers of the Police Commissioner.

(23) RAILROADS.

To control and regulate the use of streets by street railways and railroads.

(24) SCHOOLS.

To establish, maintain and control a system of free public schools.

(25) SEWERS.

To establish, maintain, operate and control sewers, drains and sewage disposal facilities; to make any and all costs and expenses incurred in or about the regulation, making or repairing of private sewers or drains a lien upon the interests of the owners in the real and leasehold property served by said sewers or drains, and to provide for the enforcement of such liens by sale of the property, whether real or leasehold. No charge shall be made by any municipal officer or agency for inspecting any work in the public streets, lanes or alleys done in connection with private sewers or drains.

(26) STOCKS, LOANS AND FINANCE.

(a) To issue stocks, bonds or certificates of indebtedness, and to involve its credit as provided by Section 7, Article XI of the Constitution of Maryland; to levy upon the assessable property within the city, and collect, by tax, any sum which may be necessary to pay and discharge the principal and interest of any loan which may heretofore have been, or which may hereafter be, obtained by the City according to law.